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GAY HOTLINE BEGINS OPERATION

FOR A GOOD LISTEN CALL 433-5444

BY DON GRAVES

Rick Balmer worked on the first gay hotline in the valley, which operated from 1979-80. With the Lambda Center as a permanent place to house the hotline this time, and with sufficient volunteers, a new hotline has every chance for success, he said.

Balmer, representing the community center board of directors, made these comments at the September 29 and 30 training session for the new Gay and Lesbian Hotline of the Lehigh Valley. Eight volunteers--three men and five women--went through the 12-hour training program.

Through these volunteers, the hotline will operate each Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at 433-5444 for information, referrals, crisis intervention and general support for gays in the Lehigh Valley. The number of evenings will be expanded if additional volunteers come forth.

Training was conducted by local social service professionals, with the help of Aubry Wortheim of the National Gay Task Force's Crisisline in New York City. Wortheim discussed working with youth calls, AIDS questions and helping victims of anti-gay violence. The Lehigh Valley hotline will coordinate

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NEXT MEETING

Guest speakers for the November meeting are Elaine and Robert Benov of Long Beach, Long Island, and the Parents of Gays organization. The purpose of this organization is to provide support to lesbians and gay men considering coming out to their parents and friends. Elaine and Bob, who are parents of a gay child, have been active in Parents of Gays for several years. Their sensitivity to and awareness of the problems faced by members of the gay community has been widely recognized. Bob and Elaine are eager to share their experiences and knowledge and will welcome questions from those in attendance. The meeting will be held Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m. in the Lambda Center, 742 Hamilton Mall, Allentown.

The December meeting will be a Christmas Open House held at the Lambda Center Sunday, December 16 from 4-7 p.m. Additional details will follow in next month's newsletter.

BYLINE

ON BEING "OUT"

A Le-Hi-Ho member recently asked me if it were true that no one on the current newsletter staff is using their actual name. When I acknowledged it is true, he commented, "Well, I guess we won't see any editorials urging people to come out." Not necessarily.

Of course, coming out is an intensely personal decision, and no one should pressure you to do so. It has been said, however, that much of the acceptance we have achieved since the Stonewall riots is partially a result of tens of thousands of us coming out to our families and friends. I think there is some validity to that, considering the educational efforts of groups such as Parents of Gays and Spouses of Gays. Each person we come out to, who eventually accepts us as individuals and gays, minutely changes the collective attitude of society. That change is multiplied if the parent or friend we come out to and educate is a clergyperson, mayor, personnel director, police chief or other influential person.

If you are considering coming out, there is help available. Articles have been written and seminars are even held (see the "Calendar" in this issue).

I am committing heresy now, I know, but perhaps not everyone should come out in their present situation. I know of an individual here in the Valley who literally contributes thousands of dollars annually to gay rights organizations. This person is not "out" and feels that doing so would probably have negative financial effects. The gay movement is always in need of money. Is this person not serving the cause better by contributing money rather than coming out and not being able to give?

In my case, it is ironic that because I am not completely "out" I am active in the gay movement. I am out to my entire family, most of my friends and even some work associates. I have not made a general announcement at work, although I'm told my sexual orientation at times has been the subject of speculation on coffee breaks and around the water fountain. The injustice of being forced to hold back this aspect of my life to ensure my continued career advancement has motivated me to do what I can to change things. "Bloom where you are planted," as they say.

If you feel you can't come out, for whatever reason, I suggest that is a very good reason why you should do what you can to improve the status of gays in our society. The days when we were powerless are gone. There is much you can do even if you are not "out." And there is certainly no lack of things to be done. A good place to start is the "Help Wanted" section in this issue.

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WOMANEWS

"NATALIE'S ROOM"

BY KIPPIE BRACKEN

We have a small, multi-windowed room just off our kitchen that we lovingly refer to as "Natalie's Room." It has become a favorite Sunday breakfast spot because it offers a superb view of the pines and creek that grace our land. Natalie Barney's home in Paris had a small "pavilion" overlooking a natural garden, where she entertained her countless friends and lovers. When we purchased our home, I remarked to my lover that Natalie would have loved the small breakfast room--it's been "Natalie's Room" ever since.

Natalie Barney was a poetess and a writer, but her notoriety stems more from her unquestionably being the leading lesbian of her time. She was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1876 and died in Paris at the age of 95--a legendary figure in France, but almost unknown in her native land.

She is the "Amazone" to which Remy de Gourmont addressed his "Lettres à L'Amazone." She appears as a character in half a dozen works of fiction, and her name turns up in scores of memoirs. For over sixty years her house in Paris was the setting for an international salon frequented by many of the leading writers, artists, diplomats and intellectuals of the century, including Gertrude Stein, Sacha Guitry, Paul Valery, Baron de Rothschild, Harold Action, Romaine Brooks, Colette, Andre Gide, and Erza Pound.

Barney was born with every advantage: wealth, beauty, magnetism, intelligence, talent. In two generations her family had gone from an immigrant ship and a log cabin in the wilderness to luxury liners and a four story "cottage" in Bar Harbor, where picnics were served by butlers wearing white gloves.

Her lesbian love affairs became common knowledge when her first books of poems appeared in 1900, and the following year a popular novel made her even more notorious as the seductress of the most desirable woman in Paris, Liane dePougy.

She exercised her powers of seduction on every attractive woman, it seems, who came within her orbit. The list of liaisons and "demi-liaisons" that she once compiled includes some 40 names and omits casual affairs without number.

Yet Barney valued friends more highly than lovers. The women she esteemed may have been her lovers once, but they became much more than that when passion turned to a deep and lasting blend of love and friendship, for which no adequate word exists. Women like Colette, Eva Palmer Sikelianos, Lucie Delarue Mardrus, the Duchess deClermont-Tonnerre, Romaine Brooks and Gertrude Stein--women of intelligence, character and talent, her equals in every way--became her dear friends for life.

"When it comes to friendship," she once said, "I am very lazy; once I confer friendship, I never take it back."

My thoughts often turn to Barney and the era in which she lived. I suppose each of us is fascinated with certain times in history. For me, Paris in the early years of the century, with the Left Bank, the ex-patriots and the "Lost Generation" provides countless hours of entertainment, thought and fantasy.

HOTLINE...

victim services with other Pennsylvania gay and lesbian hotlines, the Pennsylvania Governor's Council on Sexual Minorities and the National Gay Task Force in New York. Providing services for violence victims will be a major function of the hotline.

Another major function is providing information and referral services. This might include information on where to meet other gay men and women, finding supportive professional services or learning about upcoming events at the community center. Volunteers were trained to deal with these and many other kinds of referrals by Margot Hillman of Valley Wide Help, the major information and referral hotline in the Lehigh Valley.

Other trainers discussed active listening, crisis intervention and ethics and professionalism. Role playing gave the volunteers practice in handling the kinds of calls they will receive.

After two days of training for six hours each day, the volunteers felt ready to staff the hotline in a professional and effective manner. As a way of thanking the volunteers, the Lambda Center Board of Directors sponsored a dinner at the center city apartment of one of the directors.

Each volunteer will staff the phones at least once a month and attend monthly supervisory meetings as well. Volunteers will work in pairs to help each other learn, for security purposes and to ease loneliness between calls.

It takes eight volunteers to staff the hotline one night a week for a month. As soon as eight more volunteers can be trained, another day will be added during the week.

Those interested should either call the hotline to sign up for the next training session or write: Hotline, P O Box 1656, Allentown, PA 18105.

It is due solely to the efforts of the first eight volunteers that the hotline has been able to open at all. The entire gay and lesbian community owes a debt of gratitude to these men and women who are giving their time to help others.

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The Lehigh Valley Lesbian and Gay Community Center needs you. Membership is only $15 a year and entitles you to voting and other privileges.

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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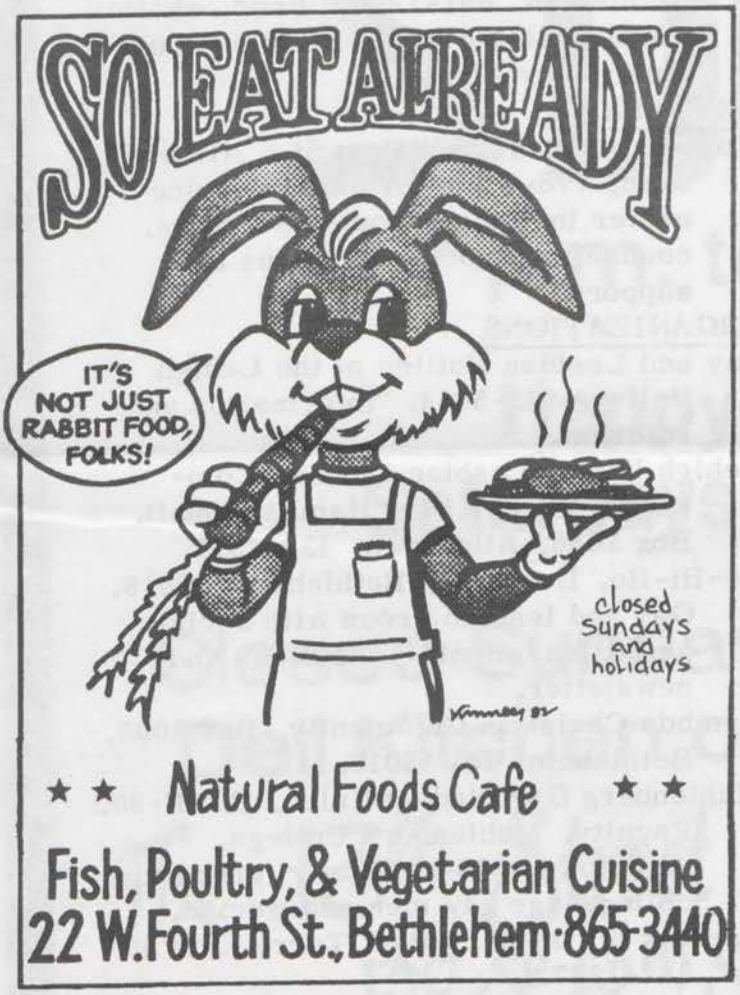

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Giovanni's Room, 12th and Pine St., Philadelphia (Gay/feminist/lesbian books).

SERVICE AND AID

Michael A. Abgott, M.D., 1545 Broadway, Bethlehem, 865-6112. General practice.

Alcoholics Anonymous, the Rainbow Group for gays only, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m., at the Church of the Mediator, 16th and Turner Sts., Allentown.

AIDS Hotline, M.W.F., 7-11 p.m., 1-232-8055.

Allentown Health Clinic, 437-7760.

Bethlehem Health Clinic, 865-7087 (Sexually transmitted diseases).

Confront, Inc., 1130 Walnut St., Allentown, 433-0148. Counseling, group therapy and other specialized services.

Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 437-0801. Out-patient counseling for alcohol and drug problems, primarily for Lehigh County residents.

Family Counseling Service, c/o Jack Diamond, 520 E. Broad St., Bethlehem, 867-3946. Individual, couple and family counseling.

Donald Graves, M.S., 867-7286. Counseling for the gay community; individual, family and groups.

Keenan House, 114 N. 9th St., Allentown, 439-7489. Residential drug and alcohol services.

Lehigh County Drug and Alcohol Intake Unit, 432-2228.

Jacqueline Marish, B.A./Constance Woodring, M.S.W., 865-1006 or 346-8380. Feminist counseling specializing in domestic abuse. Offices in Northampton and Bucks Counties.

Rape Crisis Council, 437-6611. For youth, men and women.

Mollie Rubenstein, M.S.W., 867-6542. Short and long-term counseling.

Martin R. Talerico, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., 236 N. 19th, Allentown, 437-7177. Individual and couples; counseling in English or Spanish. Evening hours.

Turning Point, Inc., 437-0222. Counseling, emergency shelter and advocacy for male and female victims of domestic violence.

Valley Wide Help, 435-7111. Referral line.

Valley Youth House, 539 8th Ave., Bethlehem, 691-1200. Food, shelter and counseling for youth in need of emergency services.

CENTERS

Women, Inc., 1203 Walnut St., Allentown, 776-1300. A multi-service center including drop-in services, counseling, social activities and support.

ORGANIZATIONS

Gay and Lesbian Hotline of the Lehigh Valley, 433-5444. Information and referral.

Lehigh Valley Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 742 Hamilton Mall, Box 1656, Allentown, 433-7377.

Le-Hi-Ho, Box 1003, Bethlehem 18016. Gay and lesbian group with social activities, monthly meetings and newsletter.

Lambda Christian Community, Box 1003, Bethlehem, PA 18016.

Muhlenberg Gay Student Union, Box E-90, Faculty, Muhlenberg College, Allentown 18104. Support group for college-age gay men and women.

Parents of Gays. Contact Terry Leib at 682-1337.

Monday Nite Men's Nite

Wednesday Nite Ladies' Nite

Thursday - Beer Night 25¢ Drafts

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REFLECTIONS BY R.S.

After preliminary organizing in May, the first meeting of what became Le-Hi-Ho was held June 22, 1969, in a private residence in Bowmanstown, Lehigh County, drawing 27 people from Scranton to Lansdale to New Jersey. Of the 27, 15 became charter members.

Attendance averaged 15 for subsequent monthly meetings, held in Bowmanstown until November, when meetings were moved to an Allentown residence. A newsletter was started after the very first meeting.

There was strong feeling to become an affiliate of Mattachine, but the name Homophile Movement of the Lehigh Valley was used until "LE-HI-HO" became the official name of the fledgling organization in November.

In September, a member donated 150 books as the core of a library. The first book ever reviewed in the newsletter was Martin Hoffman's The Gay World. In October, observers were sent to an ECHO (East Coast Homophile Organization) conference in Philadelphia and the Unitarian Church was first approached as a possible meeting site.

Other early concerns were bylaws, Vietnam draft counseling and support consideration for an annual June celebration in New York City to be called "Christopher Street Liberation Day" to replace the traditional July 4 gay demonstrations held in Philadelphia in previous years.

The newsletter that Fall made note of support given to its distribution by The Rendezvous Bar on North Sixth Street and also that the best local source of gay books was The Renaissance Book Shop on Bethlehem's South Side.

EASY PICKUPS

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742 Hamilton Mall, Allentown

The Scoop
5 South 8th Street, Allentown

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22 West Fourth Street, Bethlehem

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28-30 North Tenth Street, Allentown

13th St. Pub
130 South 13th Street, Easton

Women, Inc.
1203 Walnut Street, Allentown

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CALENDAR

Do you have an upcoming event, meeting, social or happening? Remind everyone with a listing on the Calendar. It's free!

Tuesday, November 6
Election Day! Get to the polls and vote, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Le-Hi-Ho Board meeting.

Wednesday, November 7
Lambda Christian Community worship service, 7:30 at Lambda Center.

Thursday, November 8
Lambda Center Board meeting.

Full moon and lunar eclipse.

Wednesday, November 14
Gay-themed film "Querelle" by the late gay director Werner Fassbinder. Showing at 7:30, Campus Center Theatre, Kutztown University. Free.

Lambda Christian Community worship service, 7:30 at Lambda Center.

Sunday, November 18
Le-Hi-Ho meeting 2:00. See page one.

"Coming Out to Your Parents" workshop by Parents of Gays. From 2:00 to 5:30 at 2111 Sansom St., Philadelphia. $5 fee, $3 for students. Call 461-8197 or write Box 15711, Philadelphia 19103.

Wednesday, November 21
Lambda Christian Community worship service, 7:30 at Lambda Center.

Thursday, November 22
Thanksgiving Day.

Total eclipse of the sun.

Wednesday, November 28
Lambda Christian Community worship service, 7:30 at Lambda Center.

Friday, November 30
Cleopatra committed suicide 2010 years ago today.

Tuesday, December 4
Le-Hi-Ho Board meeting.

Wednesday, December 5
Lambda Christian Community worship service, 7:30 at Lambda Center.

Thursday, December 6
Lambda Center Board meeting.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David, have a great birthday and thanks for all your help with the News, from Alan, Tony and the Le-Hi-Ho News staff.

Duane, Happy Birthday, sexy! This one's a milestone, so make it count. From A.J.

Vickie, have a mah-velous birthday, dahling. From Jerry, of course.

HELP WANTED

Artist needed to design ads in Le-Hi-Ho News. Good experience with business and social contacts, no pay. Contact the editor.

Salesperson needed one or two afternoons a month to contact current advertisers and find new ones. Help us expand the newsletter. Lots of contacts, no pay. Write the editor.

Gay and Lesbian Hotline of the Lehigh Valley needs volunteers. You will be trained in information referral and crisis intervention. Call the Hotline at 433-5444.

MISCELLANEOUS

About 600 books are in the Le-Hi-Ho library. More donations of books are needed to keep it current. Bring your unread books to the next meeting or contact any board member.

ORGANIZATIONS

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, working for full participation in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Monthly newsletter, local support groups, national conferences. Write: PLGC, c/o James D. Anderson, Box 38, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

PERSONALS

Anyone with a serious interest in writing fiction is invited to help form an informal group to share information on technique, marketing, criticism, comradeship--but mostly for conversation. Although a few participants are professional writers, having been published is not a requirement. A disciplined, serious commitment to writing is the only qualification required If you're interested, write to me promptly giving your phone number and the best day of the week to meet. Robert Bahr, 1104 Walnut Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

Bridge or poker players interested in getting together for card games contact Wayne Writer at 432-3878.

Where's your beef? Do you have a complaint, compliment, question or opinion? Express yourself! Send it to Mail--And Femail--Thoughts--Le-Hi-Ho News, Box 1003, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

The Scoop

5 South 8th St., Allentown **432-3878**

Sandwiches

All our sandwiches are made on whole wheat pita bread and served with alfalfa sprouts grown right in the store to assure you of their freshness. The cheese we use is Monterey Jack, an unprocessed semi-soft cheese with a mild creamy flavor. We mix several spices and fresh parsley into our herbed mayonnaise to give it a distinctive flavor. We care about the food we serve. If you have any suggestions or problems, please let us know. Enjoy.

Vegie Wedgie 1.85
Garden vegetables heated in a tamari and ginger marinade, topped with shredded cheese, herbed mayonnaise, and sprouts.

Mushroom and Cheese 2.15
Fresh mushroom slices coupled with Monterey Jack cheese, grated carrots and sprouts.

Miss Piggy Wedge 2.40
Virginia ham slices, Jack cheese and tomato wedges with mayonnaise and a spicy mustard dressing.

Ray's Wedge 1.95
Tangy tabouli salad, Jack cheese, grated carrots and our herbed mayonnaise.

Ham and Egg 2.40
Virginia ham and sliced egg with tomatoes, sprouts and herbed mayonnaise.

Hummus Wedge 1.95
Zesty chick pea spread with cucumber slices, grated carrots and alfalfa sprouts.

New Orient Express 2.15
Marinated sliced tofu with hummus, sliced mushrooms, grated carrots and sprouts.

Turkey in a Basket 2.30
Sliced turkey breast, tomato wedges, sprouts and herbed mayonnaise dressing.

Sunshine Wedge 1.95
Monterey Jack cheese, sunflower seeds, tomato wedges, cucumber slices and sprouts with herbed mayonnaise.

Charlie Sent'Ya Sandwich 2.10
Tasty tuna salad made with chopped egg, celery and onions, served with tomato wedges and alfalfa sprouts.

Humpty Dumpty 1.75
Slices of egg served with chopped ripe olives, fresh tomato wedges, sprouts and mayonnaise.

The Club Wedge 3.00
Roast turkey breast, Virginia ham, and Monterey Jack cheese with tomato wedges, herbed dressing and alfalfa sprouts.

Soups & Salads

Lentil Soup ..... .85 cup 1.25 bowl
With pita bread.

Soup of the Week ..... .95 cup 1.35 bowl
With pita bread.

Chili ..... 1.65 cup 2.15 bowl
Served with fresh cornbread. (seasonal)

German Style Potato Salad ..... .85
With fresh parsley.

Tabouli Salad ..... .85
Cracked wheat, chopped onions, parsley, tomatoes with a hint of mint and lemon juice.

Beverages

Apple Juice ..... .70 Sm. 1.00 Lg.
Unfiltered with no preservatives

Fresh Lemonade ..... .70 Sm. 1.00 Lg.
Made with honey. (seasonal)

Herbed Ice Tea ..... .70

Coke, Root Beer, Ginger Ale ..... .50 Sm. .75 Med. .95 Lg.

Egg Cream ..... .95
A poor man's ice cream soda made with milk, syrup and seltzer.

Perrier Water ..... .80

Coffee, Tea, Sanka ..... .45

Herb Tea ..... .55
Cinnamon, Mint, and Apple.

Baked Goods

Scoop Chocolate Brownies ..... .65
Rich and chocolatey, with walnuts.

Carrot Cake 1.15
Moist and fresh, made with coconut and walnuts.

Cowboy Cookies ..... .45
Oatmeal cookies, with carob chips, coconut and walnuts.

Ice Cream Treats

Scoop Ice Cream ..... .70 Sm. 1.20 Lg.
Our own brand of all natural ice cream served in cups and on cones.

Häagen Dazs ..... 1.10 Sm. 2.00 Lg.
All natural gourmet ice cream for those who want the very best. Served in cups only.

Chocolate Freak-Out 2.35
A chocolate lover's dream! Fudge brownie topped with a scoop of chocolate chip Häagen Dazs, hot fudge, whipped cream and chocolate sprinkles.

Banana Split ..... Scoop 2.00 Haagen Dazs 3.00
Three scoops of your favorite ice cream split a ripe banana, drenched with hot fudge, pineapple and strawberry topping, whipped cream and peanuts.

Danish Cowboy 1.75
A scoop of your favorite Häagen Dazs ice cream between two cowboy cookies.

Thick Milk Shakes . Scoop 1.65 Haagen Dazs 2.25

Ice Cream Sodas .. Scoop 1.65 Haagen Dazs 2.25

Hours

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